Minutes of the Justice Committee

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman George Gordon, Members George Wendt, Randall

Martin, Dave Selzer, Scott Murphy and Susan Schafer

Members Absent: Member Robustelli

Other County Board

Members Present Member Jacob Beard

Staff Present: Mr. William Wasson, County Administrator; Mr. Don Knapp,

First Civil Assistant State's Attorney; Mr. Eric Schmitt, Administrative Services Director, and Ms. Julie Morlock,

Recording Secretary;

Department Heads/

Elected Officials Present: Jon Sandage, Sheriff; Ms. Carla Barnes, Public Defender

Office; Kathy Davis, Coroner; Cassy Taylor, Court Services; Will Scanlan, Circuit Court; Jason Chambers, State's Attorney

Others Present: Greg Allen, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Cathy Waltz, Juvenile

Detention Center

Chairman Gordon called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and declared a quorum.

Chairman Gordon presented the minutes of the October 3, 2017 regular meeting and October 9, 2017 special meeting for approval.

Motion by Selzer/Murphy to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2017 regular meeting and October 9, 2017 special meeting. Motion Carried.

Chairman Gordon confirmed with Mr. Wasson there were no appearances by members of the public.

Kathy Davis, Coroner, presented her monthly reports. Mr. Selzer asked for clarification regarding death surcharge revenue, unclassified revenue and payments to facilities management listed in her report. Ms. Davis went over those numbers. Chairman Gordon thanked Ms. Davis and her staff for their actions at the home of former board member Victoria Harris when they responded to a call regarding the death of her husband on October 31st. Chairman Gordon asked if there were any additional questions for Ms. Davis; hearing none, he thanked her.

Chairman Gordon indicated that Ms. Judy Brucker, Director, Children's Advocacy Center was not present but her monthly reports were in the packet and asked if anyone had any questions for Ms. Brucker; hearing none, he moved on to the next report.

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Chairman Gordon reminded the Committee that Mr. Don Everhart; McLean County Circuit Clerk would not be present and asked if they had any questions or comments regarding his monthly and quarterly statistical reports that were in the packet. Hearing none, Mr. Gordon moved on to the report from the Public Defender.

Ms. Carla Barnes, Public Defender presented her monthly report. Chairman Gordon asked if there were any questions for Ms. Barnes; hearing none, he thanked her.

Mr. Sandage, McLean County Sheriff presented for action a request to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Bloomington and the County of McLean regulating the use by the County of McLean of the Police Shooting Range Facility of the City of Bloomington. Mr. Sandage indicated this was a standard yearly agreement with no changes in cost from last year. Mr. Selzer asked Sheriff Sandage if they were confident about entering into this contract. Mr. Sandage indicated he was confident about entering into this agreement, but also noted the Sheriff's office had alternative locations they could utilize.

Motion by Selzer/Martin to recommend approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Bloomington and the County of McLean regulating the use by the County of McLean of the Police Shooting Range Facility of the City of Bloomington.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Sandage presented his monthly reports. Chairman Gordon asked if there were any questions for Mr. Sandage; hearing none, he thanked him.

Mr. Jason Chambers, McLean County State's Attorney presented his monthly reports. Chairman Gordon asked if there were any questions or comments; hearing none, he thanked Mr. Chambers.

Ms. Cassy Taylor, Director Court Services presented for action a request to approve a Restorative Justice Grant application. Ms. Taylor stated that this was part of the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation youth engaged in philanthropy grant. She indicated that Court Services has partnered with several community groups including a local trainer who is trained through the International Institute of Restorative Practices to try to utilize those restorative practices to divert youth from the criminal justice system. She indicated that this grant would pay for food that served during conferences.

Motion by Murphy/Selzer to recommend approval of a Restorative Justice Grant application.

Motion Carried.

Ms. Taylor presented her monthly reports. Chairman Gordon asked if the Committee had any questions for Ms. Taylor; hearing none, he thanked her.

Mr. Scanlan, Circuit Court presented for action a request to approve a Resolution approving a proposal for Legal Research software and authorizing the Chairman of the

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County Board to sign the appropriate contracts. Mr. Scanlan went over history of use of online legal research and contracts they have had. He indicated that vendors were asked to provide proposals on legal research, public access records, social media research and printed materials components. He went over the proposed coverage by both Westlaw and Lexus and the proposed cost of each. Mr. Scanlan clarified cost for Lexus, as the annual monthly price would be between \$2,480 and \$9,600 because of the cost per search that would be performed. He stated that if they based cost on searches that have been performed historically it would be closer to the \$9,600/month figure. Mr. Scanlan indicated that they reviewed usage and have a recommendation based on price, ease of use, familiarity of use and what was most suitable for the requirements of the County. Mr. Gordon asked him to confirm that we have used Westlaw for a while now. Mr. Scanlan confirmed using Westlaw, which is part of the reason they recommended the Westlaw contract. Mr. Selzer asked if print research is still being used. Mr. Scanlan indicated they maintain a very limited print library that is subject matter focused and provided examples. He stated that they also keep a couple of sets of statutes for back up reference. Mr. Chambers indicated several attorney keep Codebooks with them that they can reference quickly when in Court. Mr. Scanlan indicated that both proposals represent a savings to what we currently spend.

Motion by Martin/Murphy to recommend approval of a Resolution approving a proposal for Legal Research software and authorizing the Chairman of the County Board to sign the appropriate contracts. Motion Carried (chair voted).

Mr. Wasson presented modified budgets for Sheriff Department – Jail Operations 0001-0029-0031 and Metcom Department (0452-0030-0090) for review and approval. Mr. Wasson explained that the modifications were due to individuals selecting to take the Voluntary Retirement Incentive. Mr. Gordon asked for the specific changes. Mr. Wasson stated that changes were in the full time employee lines for both departments.

Motion by Selzer/Schafer to recommend approval of modified Sheriff Department – Jail Operations 0001-0029-0031 and Metcom Department (0452-0030-0090) Budgets.

Motion Carried. (Chair Voted)

Mr. Wasson presented his monthly report on recent employment activities including several positions filled under the purview of the Justice Committee.

Mr. Wasson stated that he did not feel it was necessary to go into closed session, as all members had been involved in a closed session in other Committee meetings. Chairman Gordon asked if there were any questions from the Committee; hearing none, he thanked Mr. Wasson.

Chairman Gordon asked if there was any other business. Mr. Selzer mentioned Mr. Gordon and his wife being honored as Philanthropists of the year and thanked Mr. Gordon for his service to the Community. Mr. Gordon thanked him.

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Chairman Gordon presented the Justice Committee bills for review and approval as transmitted by the County Auditor in the amount of \$398,677.58. He also pointed out some budget amendments that were needed. Mr. Wasson stated they would be bringing those to stand-up.

Motion by Murphy/Martin to approve the Justice Committee Bills as transmitted by the County Auditor with a prepaid total of \$398,677.58. Motion carried.

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AS OF 10/29/2017 EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Justice Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
			\$178,546.31	\$178,546.31
0001	GENERAL FUND		\$10,631.34	\$10,631.34
0129	CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CNTR		\$1,432.70	\$1,432.70
0138	CIRCUIT CLK/OPER & ADMIN		\$20,810.13	\$20,810.13
0140	CIRCUIT CLERK AUTOMATION		\$3,487.63	\$3,487.63
0141	COURT SECURITY			\$1,132.90
0142	COURT DOCUMENT STORAGE CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTION		\$1,132.90	
0143			\$595.93	\$595.93
0146	ADULT PROBATION SERVICES		\$2,119.63	\$2,119.63
	ASSET FORFEITURE-SAO		\$1,113.73	\$1,113.73
0152	ASSET FORFEITURE-SHERIFF		\$4,945.00	\$4,945.00
0155	IDPA IV-D PROJECT	\$20,835.51	\$20,835.51	
0156			\$4,167.00	\$4,167.00
0170	NEUTRAL SITE CUSTODY EXCH		\$2,208.33	\$2,208.33
0171	CHILDREN'S WAITING ROOM		\$112,683.21	\$112,683.21
0450	ETSB SURCHARGE FUND/E-911		\$32,063.98	\$32,063.98
0452	METRO COMMUNICATIONS CTR		\$1,904.25	\$1,904.25
0506	LAW LIBRARY		\$1,904.20	\$1,004.20
			\$398,677,58	\$398,677.58

Chairman Gordon asked if there was any other business or communication for the Justice Committee; hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Morlock

Recording Secretary

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